

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) In a removable lid for sealing a container having crimping about its perimeter, the improvement of comprising a plurality of evenly spaced, elongate radial beads extending from adjacent the center of said lid to adjacent the perimeter of said lid, for said radial beads predisposing strain creases to form in an even pattern coincident with said radial beads.

2. (Previously Presented) The improvement of claim 1 wherein said beads are stamped in said lid.

3. (Currently Amended) The improvement of claim 1 wherein each of said radial beads ~~comprises a radial elongate~~ is a channel depression formed in said lid.

4. (New) A sealed container comprising:  
a container body having an open top; and  
a removable lid covering the open top of said container body and being crimped to said container body about the periphery of said lid, said lid comprising a plurality of generally evenly spaced, elongate radial beads extending from adjacent the center of said lid to adjacent the perimeter of said lid, said radial beads predisposing strain creases to form in an even pattern coincident with said radial beads.

5. (New) The container of claim 4 wherein said beads are stamped in said lid.

6. (New) The container of claim 4 wherein each of said radial beads is a channel depression formed in said lid.